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	Examiner Nguyen N. Hanh	Art Unit 2834	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on RCE filed on 9/11/06.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 2-9, 11-1727-29 and 35-39 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) 38 and 39 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) 2-9, 11-1727-29 and 35-37 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 18 August 2006 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Remarks

1. In view of amendments and Applicant's arguments, the Examiner withdraws the objections to the drawings and the objection to claim 1.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 2-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Artus et al.

Regarding claim 2, Artus et al. disclose an electric motor, comprising: a pair of stator teeth (30 and 32 in Figs. 1 and 4), having a stator slot therebetween, said stator slot having slot opening which faces a rotor in the motor, which rotor rotates about an axis; and means for increasing magnetic flux passing through the slot opening, wherein the means comprises a body which is located radially outward of the slot opening (as shown in Fig. 4, protrusion 52 made of magnetic material forms a flux path with the rotor) and located farther from said axis than the slot opening.

Regarding claim 3, Artus et al. also disclose an electric motor wherein the means (protrusion 52 as shown in Fig. 4) is magnetically and physically continuous with one of the stator teeth.

Regarding claim 4, Artus et al. also disclose an electric motor wherein the means reduces cogging torque of the motor (Col. 1, lines 18-23 and Col. 2, lines 1-4).

Regarding claim 5, Artus et al. also disclose an electric motor comprising: a pair of stator teeth (30 and 32 in Figs. 1 and 4), having a stator slot therebetween, the stator slot having a radial slot opening, and a body (protrusion 52) located radially outward of the slot opening, which increases magnetic flux passing through the slot opening (as shown in Fig. 4, protrusion 52 made of magnetic material forms a flux path with the rotor).

Regarding claim 6, Artus et al. also disclose an electric motor wherein the body (protrusion 52 as shown in Fig. 4) is magnetically continuous with one of the teeth.

Regarding claim 7, Artus et al. also disclose an electric motor wherein the body (52 in Fig. 4) is physically continuous with one of the teeth (Fig. 4).

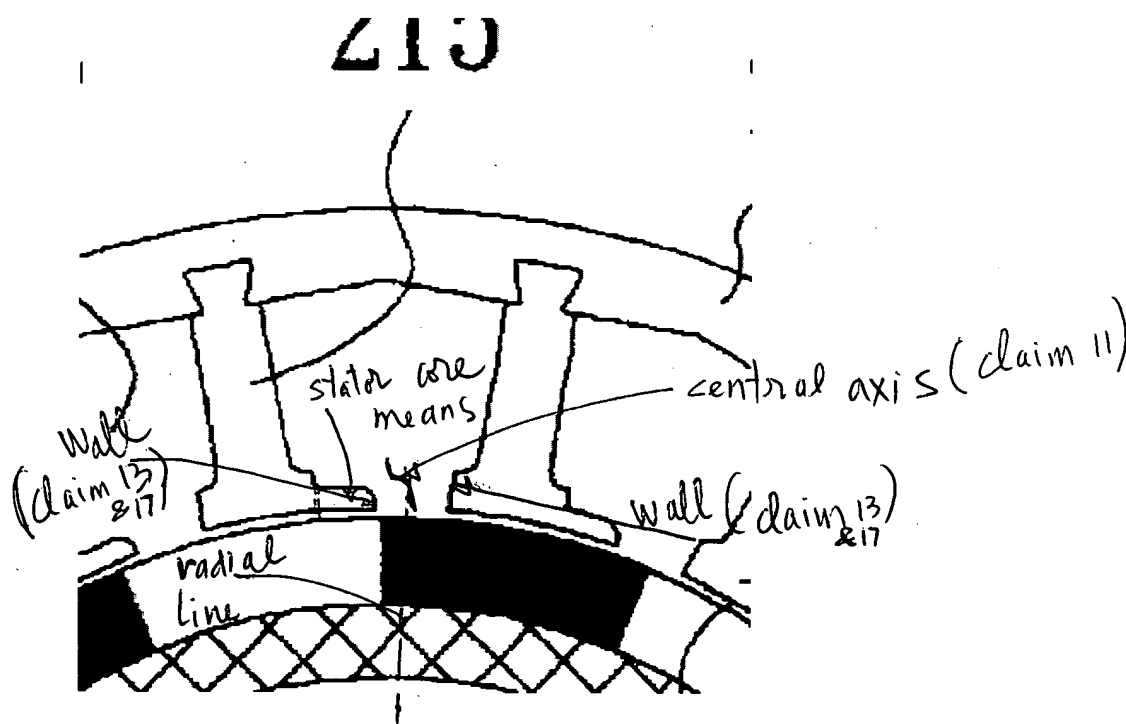
Regarding claim 8, Artus et al. also disclose an electric motor wherein the body (52) is both physically and magnetically continuous with one of the teeth (Fig. 3).

Regarding claim 9, Artus et al. also disclose an electric motor wherein the body reduces cogging torque of the motor when no current is applied to the motor.

3. Claims 11-17, 28, 29 and 35-37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Hsu.

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Regarding claim 11, Hsu also discloses in an electric motor having a rotor, the improvements comprising: stator coils (inherent), and stator core means (the portion end of the tooth holder which is reserved) for decreasing mid-phase reluctance of the rotor (because when the rotor pole is at mid-slot position, the protrusion at the end of a stator tooth collect the flux leakage at the slot opening) wherein the stator core means comprises a slot having a central axis, and said central axis is non-radial (please see markups).



Regarding claim 12, Hsu also discloses the improvement wherein said central axis has a radially inner region which crosses a radial line of the rotor, and a radially outer region which is spaced circumferentially from said radial line (please see markups).

Regarding claim 13, Hsu also discloses in an electric motor having a rotor, the improvements comprising: stator teeth (215 in Fig. 2A), and a non-radial slot opening

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separating neighboring stator teeth, which slot opening has two walls extending along its length, which walls comprise flat surfaces on said teeth.

Regarding claim 14, Hsu also discloses the improvement wherein the non-radial slot opening decreases mid-phase reluctance of the rotor, compared with a radial slot opening (compare to the stator core without the portion end which is reserved).

Regarding claim 15, Hsu also discloses the improvement wherein the non-radial slot opening decreases cogging torque, compared with a radial slot opening (compare to the stator core without the portion end which is reserved).

Regarding claim 16, Hsu also discloses the improvement comprises a central axis, and said central axis has a radially inner region which crosses a radial line of the rotor, and a radially outer region which is spaced circumferentially from said radial line.

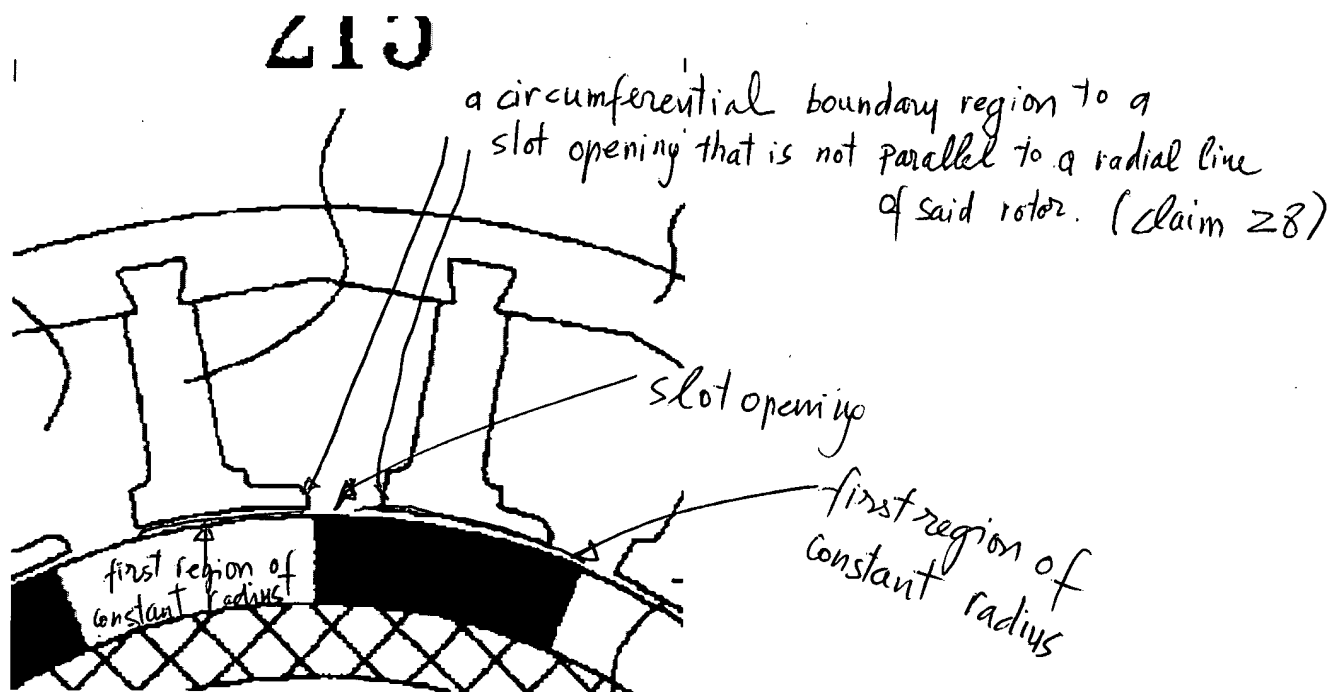
Regarding claim 17, Hsu also discloses an electric motor, comprising: a rotor (31 in Fig. 2A); an array of stator teeth (215) surrounding the rotor, each stator tooth separated from its neighbor by a non-radial slot opening, which slot opening has two walls extending along its length, one wall formed by a facet of one tooth; and another wall formed by a surface of an adjacent tooth (please see markups).

Regarding claim 28, Hsu also discloses an electric motor, comprising: a rotor, a first stator tooth (215 in Fig. 2A) having a radially inner face which includes a first region of constant radius, and a circumferential boundary region to a slot opening that is not parallel to a radial line of said rotor, wherein the slot opening separates the stator tooth from an adjacent stator tooth which adjacent stator tooth includes: a first region of

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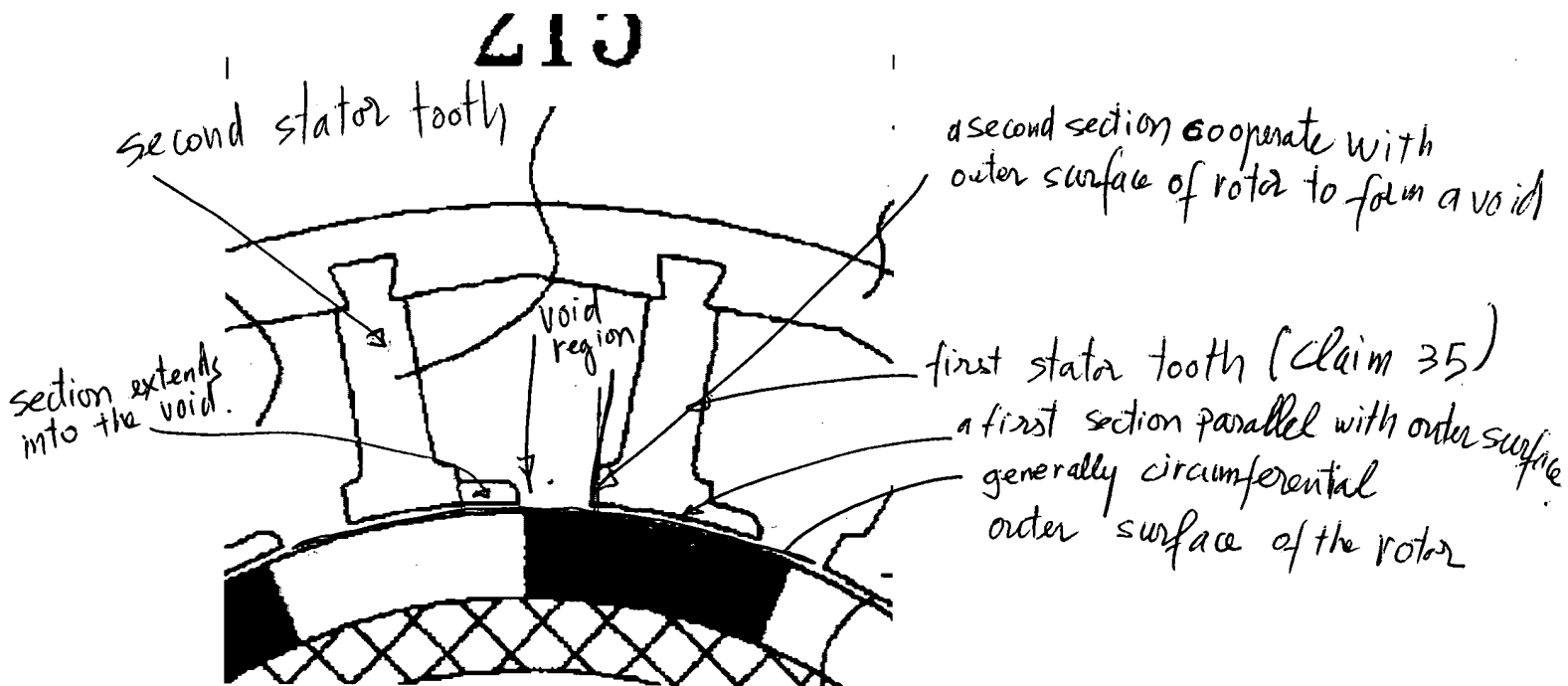
constant radius and a circumferential boundary region to a slot opening that is not parallel to a radial line of said stator (please see markups).

Regarding claim 29, Hsu also discloses an electric motor wherein the circumferential boundary region does not lie in the same plane as the first region.



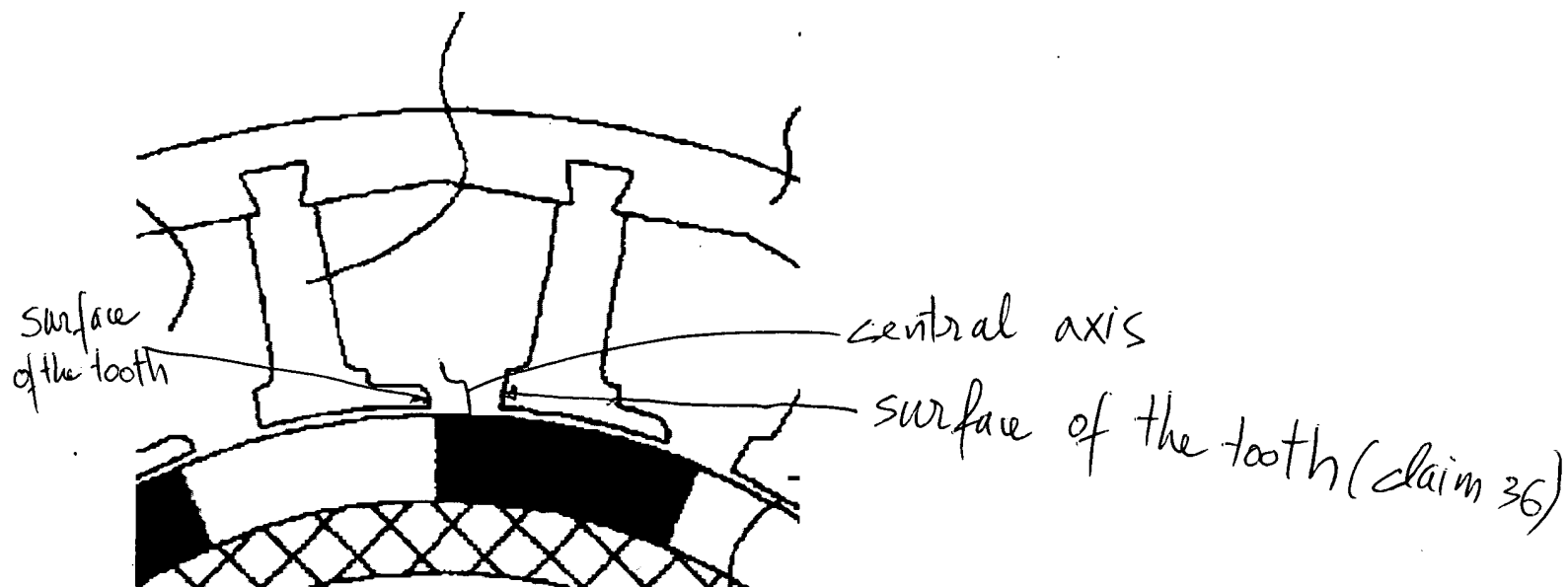
Regarding claim 35, Hsu also discloses an electric motor comprising: a) a rotor having a generally circumferential outer surface; b) a first stator tooth, having a radially inner surface which includes i) a first section which is generally parallel with the outer surface, and ii) a second section which A) is non-parallel with said outer surface and B) cooperates with said outer surface to form a void; c) a second stator tooth having a section which extends into the void (please see markups); and d) two substantially identical coils, one around the first tooth and one around the second tooth.

Regarding claim 36, Hsu also discloses an electric motor comprising: a) a radial array of stator teeth, each surrounded by a coil, all coils being substantially identical; b) a slot between each pair of neighboring teeth, which slot i) is bordered by one surface on each tooth; and ii) has a central axis, midway between the surfaces, which is non-radial (please see markups).



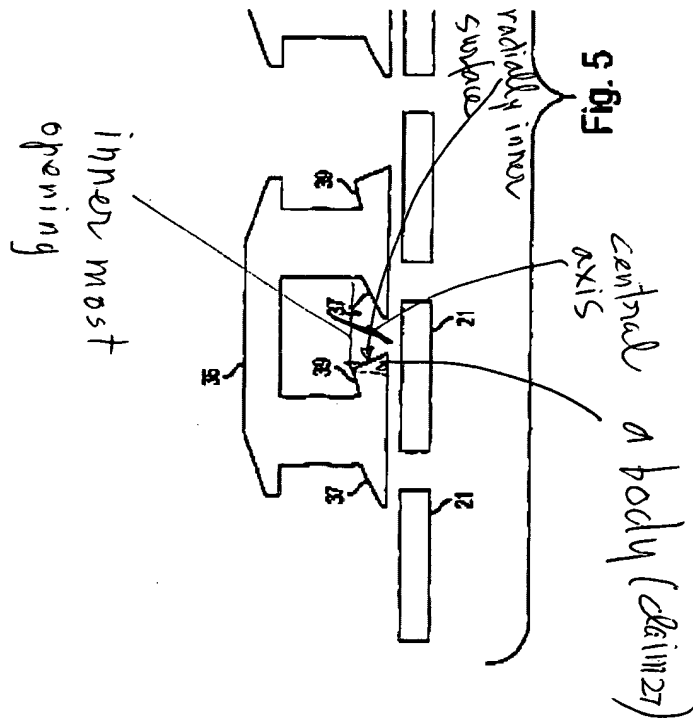
Regarding claim 37, Hsu also discloses an electric motor wherein the slot is generally V-shaped.

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4. Claim 27 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Maslov et al (US 6,822,368).

Regarding claim 27, Nutter discloses an electric motor, comprising: a first stator tooth surrounded by a first coil; a second stator tooth surrounded by a second coil, substantially identical to the first coil; an elongated space separating the first and second stator teeth and having a radially innermost slot opening and a central axis which is non-radial; a body (please see markups) which is magnetically continuous with the first stator tooth, and has a radially inner surface which is radially outside said innermost slot opening.



Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments filed on 8/18/2006 with respect to claims 2-9, 11-17, 27-29 and 35-37 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 38 and 39 are allowed.

7. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: the prior art of record does not show an electric motor as described in claim 38 comprising at an end of each tooth nearest the rotor: i) an extension A which extends counterclockwise and ii) an extension B which extends clockwise; wherein each extension A on a tooth partly overlaps extension B on its neighboring tooth.

Conclusion

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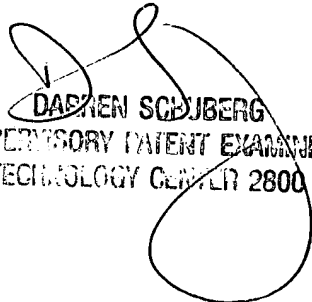
8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hanh N Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-2031. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Darren Schuberg, can be reached on (571) 272-2044. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (571) 273-8300 for regular communications and (571) 273-8300 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1782.

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